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REMARKS

As requested in the notice of non-compliant amendment, only the section of the previously submitted amendment filed on April 10, 2006 entitled "Amendments to the Specification" is included in this response. The amendment to the abstract is provided on a separate sheet as required by the notice; however, section 714 of the MPEP specifically states: "(B) a section (must begin on a separate sheet) entitled 'Amendments to the Specification' (if there are any amendments to the specification). This section should include all amendments to the specification including amendments to the abstract of the disclosure;..."

There is no requirement in the rules or in the MPEP that amendments to the abstract must begin on a separate sheet. Rule 37 C.F.R. § 1.72, cited in the notice, refers to parts of the application, not to amendment practice.

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